GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
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SELECTION OF NATIONAL RIVERS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria evolved/proposed to be evolved for the selection of rivers to be declared as National Rivers;

(b) whether there is any proposal to set up a River Authority to upgrade the rivers as National Rivers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof indicating the names of the rivers to be declared as National Rivers and the time by which it is likely to be set up?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES(SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (c) The Central Government has initiated an exercise for revamping the river conservation strategy with an aim to promote a holistic and integrated approach of river basin planning. The process for setting up a River Basin Authority for River Ganga as an empowered, planning, implementing and monitoring Authority, vested with appropriate powers has been initiated in consultation with the Central Ministries and the State Governments.